

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation comprising an aqueous solution of shellac salt and an aqueous solution of alginate, wherein the formulation comprises between 10-90% aqueous solution of shellac salt and between 10-90% aqueous solution of alginate.

2. (Previously Presented) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, wherein the alginate is sodium alginate.

3-4. Canceled.

5. (Previously Presented) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, wherein the formulation is edible.

6-7. Canceled.

8. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, where there are equal quantities of ~~aqueous~~ shellac salt and alginate present in the formulation.

9. (Previously Presented) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, wherein the formulation is in the form of a spray solution or a suspension.

10. (Previously Presented) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, wherein the alginate is of a low viscosity grade.

11. (Previously Presented) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, wherein the alginate has a viscosity of between 200 and 300 cps.

12. (Previously Presented) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, wherein the formulation further comprises a plasticiser.

13. (Previously Presented) A method of applying the enteric coating formulation of Claim 1, wherein the formulation is applied to a dosage unit by spraying.

14. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit comprising an enteric outer coating, wherein the enteric outer coating is of a formulation as described in Claim 1.

15. (Previously Presented) A method for preparing the enteric coating of claim 1, comprising the step of mixing an aqueous solution of an alkali salt of shellac with an aqueous solution of sodium alginate.